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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) to form a joint venture for basic telephone services in Kenya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the investment of TCIL in the joint venture; and

(d) the number of contracts TCIL has got through global tenders in Kenya?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Telecommunications Consultants India Limited has been approved for holding 30% equity in the joint venture in Kenya amounting to US$21.9 million. TCIL Joint Venture Company shall be rolling out basic telephone service in five regions of Kenya licensed to them i.e. Coast, Nyanza, Western, South Rift and Central.The license is for a period of 15 years to be extended for another 10 years.

(d) This is the first joint venture of TCIL through global tender in Kenya.